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LETTER DATED 30 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

It is with a feeling of profound concern that I inform you that the Republic of Armenia has carried out further acts of aggression against the Azerbaijani Republic.

On 27 March, units of the Armenian national army suddenly attacked the Kelbadzhar district of Azerbaijan, which borders on Armenia. The attack was carried out from two directions: directly from the territory of the Martuni district of Armenia and the territory of the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic, which is occupied by Armenian armed forces. This action was preceded by air raids by bomber aircraft of the Armenian air force and also rocket-artillery strikes directed at the Kelbadzhar district. According to preliminary information, civilians have been killed and wounded.

On 28 March, Armenian units occupied the villages of Aggaya and Merdzhemet in the Kelbadzhar district and resumed combat operations in the Lachin district. On 29 March, having penetrated further into the Kelbadzhar and Lachin districts of Azerbaijan, they attacked 14 populated areas, 5 of which - Agdaban, Naryndzhlar, Chyragly, Tezekend and Agdzhakend - were captured.

The attack against the Kelbadzhar district, the expansion of combat operations in the Lachin district of Azerbaijan, the maintenance of tension throughout the frontier zone, including the Nakhichevan region of Azerbaijan, is yet further evidence of the expansionist policy of Armenia with respect to Azerbaijan.

Using methods that are very much based on force and having chosen the path of military confrontation, Armenia is systematically expanding the geographical area of its aggression against Azerbaijan. After occupying 10 per cent of the territory of Azerbaijan and at the same time conducting a policy of ethnic cleansing, Armenia shamelessly claims that it is allegedly "choking while encircled by a blockade".

The question arises how Armenia, which is supposedly isolated from the outer world and allegedly does not receive any food or industrial deliveries, or, above all, energy supplies, is able to conduct large-scale combat operations in the frontier districts of Azerbaijan, maintain military tension all along the

frontier between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and keep a military expeditionary corps in the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

It is obvious that the claims by the Government of Armenia concerning the blockade are propagandistic in nature and designed to mislead the international community in order to conceal the truth - the intention to seize by any means part of the territory of a sovereign State - the Azerbaijani Republic.

The world community cannot remain indifferent and must condemn the aggressive actions by Armenia against Azerbaijan and call it to account.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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